

ONE CRUMB IS ENOUGH

Behold, a woman of Canaan coming out of these borders cried to Him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is grievously vexed with a demon.

But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and begged Him, saying, Send her away, for she cries after us.

But He answered and said, I am not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel

Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, Lord, help me!

But He answered and said, It is not good to take the children's bread and to throw it to dogs.

And she said, True, O Lord; but even the little dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' tables.

Then Jesus answered and said to her, O woman, great is your faith! So be it to you even as you wish. And her daughter was healed from that very hour. Mat 15:22-28

As I pondered and prayed about this word, this thought flooded my mind ' You will never find the bread of life on the table of unbelief nor will you find the water of life at the table of doubt or fear'

The woman in this story was from Canaan and thus not a Jew, she was a dog, a foreigner in the sight of the companions of Christ so little wonder they asked him to chase her away.

Oh, how little we know of Christ and the nature of God he is not like mankind with our prejudices and bigotry, he is not in the business of sending people away he is in the business of drawing people to himself. He waited to hear from her, to hear her heart cry, to hear her faith so he never answered her.

Did she give up because the answer never came straight away? No, she persisted not once but 3 times she cried out for help. Desperation drove her to a level of faith that reached beyond the norm, the plight of her daughter was enough to compel her to persist again and again until she got her answer.

Jesus answered her faith; 'It is not good to take the children's bread and to throw it to dogs.' Not quite the answer she expected, sounded like an insult? Yes; but not big enough to deter her, not enough to destroy her determination, so she turned what sounded like an insult into a word of faith, she pressed on and said;

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She found that a crumb was enough providing it was from the masters table, a table where unbelief doubt and fear have no mission and receive no reward.

In 2 Kings 7V1-2 we read Elisha's prophecy to the people of Samaria who were under siege, he promised abundance the very next day, one of the lords turned and said 'this thing could not be' and was met with a

rebuke and a promise that his unbelief would kill him. The prophecy came to pass for all those who chose to believe, they found that the bread of life was freely available on the masters table.

Throughout scripture the bread of life, the children's bread of health, strength, victory, joy, peace and prosperity was freely available to all who would simply believe. Jesus himself said 'all things are possible to them that believe' Mark 9:23

Jesus said; for the bread of God is He who comes down from Heaven and gives life to the world. John 6:33 Christ 'the bread of life' doesn't bring death, sickness or disease; he brings life abundant, liberty and freedom to all who believe.

John 4:10-14 Jesus answered and said to her, If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that says to you, Give Me to drink, you would have asked of Him, and He would have given you living water. Jesus answered and said to her; whosoever drinks of this water shall thirst again, But whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst, but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

My dear friend, its time to put aside fear and doubt once and for all, a time to stretch out your arm of faith and to take the children's bread, to receive believing, to rise up in the Holy Ghost and be free. It's time for you to eat at the masters table, its time to drink at the well of faith, the place where unbelief and fear die.

Now listen, please listen carefully now for your future freedom may depend on you hearing the following truths.

Neither of the two women were Jews, they were not Gods elect, not the redeemed; one was a prostitute, the other was simply a mother in distress who just happened to serve other Gods. They were both unclean, sinners, dogs from Canaan and Samaria and yet he gave them their hearts desire. They were not 'good enough' not members of 'a church' not 'born again' not 'holy' not 'believers' and yet Christ looked at their hearts and granted them both a new start.

See this truth, you were not good enough to receive salvation, you will never be worthy of the love that God poured out to you, never worthy of the blood of Christ but it still flows for you today. Your healing does not depend on your goodness or you're giving or how holy you are; it depends on you using the faith that Christ planted in you by the Holy Spirit. You have received the same measure of faith every Christian receives.

It truly is just a short step to freedom, a crumb from the masters table would be enough, a sip of living water will cause you to step out and run to freedom.

The choice is yours my friend, bondage or liberty, what's it to be? The die has been cast, the work is finished so as Jesus said in Revelation 22: 17

Come! And let the one hearing say, Come! And let the one who is thirsty come. And whosoever will let him take of the Water of Life freely.

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